

12 Pieces of electrical equipment that have different functions often have diverse shapes and dimensions. For example, there are items such as a CD drive, which has a large width and small height, and cassette or MD (Mini Disc) drives, which have a small width but a large height. To accommodate such equipment, there are standards, such as DIN (Deutsch Industrie Norm), for the center cluster module storage area for this equipment, which set forth specifications for size and shape. In general, each of the storage locations is established to have the same size and shape. For this reason, when a CD drive is inserted, there is considerable wasted space in the width direction.

On page 6, line 5, insert the following sentence:

13 Fig. 8 is a front view showing the audio rack in the condition in which a second electrical equipment is inserted into the first storage location.

14 Replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 27, and ending on page 8, line 5, with the following paragraph:

15 When the rails 67a and 67b are slid into the guide grooves 65a and 65b so as to insert the electrical equipment 66 into the first storage location 62, the connector 50, which protrudes from the rear surface of the electrical equipment 66 automatically makes connection with the receiving connector 79. By means of this action, the electrical equipment 66 within the first storage location 62 is electrically connected to the control board 71 via the receiving connector 79 and the bus board 73.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 6, and ending on line 14, with the following paragraph:

16 In the same manner, when the rails 70a and 70b are slid into the guide grooves 68a and 68b so as to insert the electrical equipment 69 into the second storage location

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63, the connector 50, which protrudes from the rear surface of the electrical equipment 69 automatically makes connection with the receiving connector 80. By means of this action, the electrical equipment 69 within the second storage location 63 is electronically connected to the control board 71 via the receiving connector 80 and the bus board 73.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 15, and ending on line 18, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 show the cases in which, because the width size of the electrical equipment 81 is not suitable for the first storage location 62, a mounting stay (spacer) having a cavity 85 therein is mounted to the right side of the electrical equipment 81.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 19, and ending on line 26, with the following paragraph:

The total width size of the second width size of the electrical equipment 81 and the width size of the mounting stay 83 is established so as to be equal to the first width size. On the right side of the mounting stay 83 is formed a rail (a protrusion) 84a that mates with the guide groove 65a. By the rail 84a and the rail 70b on the left side of the electrical equipment 81 sliding in the guide grooves 65a and 65b, the electrical equipment 81 is guided into the first storage location 62.

Insert the following paragraph on page 11, line 5, before the paragraph starting "As shown in Fig. 7,":

As shown in Fig. 8, the above-noted audio rack 61 can further have a spacer 83 that is removably fixed with respect to the second electrical equipment 69 at either the right or left side thereof. When a second electrical equipment 69, which is provided with a spacer 83, is inserted into the first storage location 62, it is slidably supported by the